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RECEPTOR/CO-RECEPTOR USAGE AND INHIBITORS OF
VIRUS ENTRY USING RECOMBINANT VIRUS ASSAYS

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Sir:

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
JULY 2, 2001 NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL
APPLICATION AND PETITION FOR A FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Second Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to a July 2, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 2, 2001 Notice was originally due on September 2, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time from September 2, 2001 to February 2, 2002. The required fee for a five-month extension of time is \$980.00 and a check in this amount is enclosed. However, since February 2, 2002 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next business day, i.e. Monday, February 4, 2002, shall be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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